

Date Posted: January 29, 2010

Meeting: City Council

Date: February 2, 2010

Time: 7:30pm

Location: 145 Taunton Avenue

Council Chambers

East Providence, RI 02914

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

RHODE ISLAND

DOCKET OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

February 2, 2010

7:00 p.m. Executive Session

7:30 p.m. Open Session

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

The City of Council will meet in Executive Session for the purposes of discussing Claims and Litigation pursuant to R.I.G.L. 42-46-5(a)(2)

A. Claims Committee

(see concurrently posted Claims Committee Agenda)

B. Litigation

1. Michael Damiani vs City of East Providence

2. IAFF Interest Arbitration

3. Joseph Sullivan - Grievance Arbitration

4. Sean Sullivan – Police Officer's Bill of Rights - Supreme Court

5. Moniz - Decision of the Supreme Court

II. CALL TO ORDER

III. INVOCATION

IV. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

V. TO APPROVE THE CONSENT CALENDAR

All items under “CONSENT CALENDAR” are considered to be of a routine and noncontroversial nature by the City Council and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion on these items unless a Council member so requests, in which event, the item will be removed from the “CONSENT CALENDAR” and will be considered in its normal sequence on the docket.

A. Letters

1. Resolution from the Middletown Town Council opposing a Liquefied Natural Gas Facility in Mount Hope Bay due to the many potential dangers to the local economy and environment.

2. Agenda’s from the Narragansett Bay Commission’s January 20 Construction/Engineering/Operations Committee, Personnel

Committee, Finance Committee and Monthly Board Meeting of the Commission.

B. Approval of Council Journals

- 1. Journal of Regular Council Meeting, October 22, 2009**
- 2. Journal of Regular Council Meeting, November 3, 2009**
- 3. Journal of Regular Council Meeting, November 17, 2009**
- 4. Journal of Executive Session Meeting, December 1, 2009**
- 5. Woonsocket City Council resolution requiring minimum beneficiary contribution to cost sharing as it relates to public employee healthcare benefits.**

C. Cancellation/Abatements

Year Amount

2009 \$2,842.33

2008 \$236.88

Total \$3,079.21

Motion___By___2nd___

Coogan___Cusack___DiTraglia___Perry___Larisa___

VI. APPOINTMENTS

A. Juvenile Hearing Board (by Councilman Coogan)

Brian Castro, 50 Grosvenor Avenue (02914)

Motion___By___2nd___

Coogan___Cusack___DiTraglia___Perry___Larisa___

B. Beautification Committee (reappointment) (by Councilman Coogan)

Hilda Andrews, 2 North Spruce Street (02914)

Motion___By___2nd___

Coogan___Cusack___DiTraglia___Perry___Larisa___

C. Beautification Committee (reappointment) (by Councilman DiTraglia)

Alan Gilmore, 177 Terrace Avenue (02915)

Motion___By___2nd___

Coogan___Cusack___DiTraglia___Perry___Larisa___

D. Beautification Committee (reappointment) (by Councilman Cusack)
Alyce (Billie) Arden, 142 King Philip Road (02914)

Motion___By___2nd___

Coogan___Cusack___DiTraglia___Perry___Larisa___

E. Beautification Committee (reappointment) (by Councilman Cusack)
Jacquelyn Bourne, 12 Marietta Street (02914)

Motion___By___2nd___

Coogan___Cusack___DiTraglia___Perry___Larisa___

F. Beautification Committee (reappointment) (by Councilman Cusack)

Armando Ladeira, 33 Garfield Avenue (02916)

Motion___By___2nd___

Coogan___Cusack___DiTraglia___Perry___Larisa___

G. Beautification Committee (reappointment) (by Councilman Cusack)

Celeste Radock, 25 Bourne Avenue (02916)

Motion___By___2nd___

Coogan___Cusack___DiTraglia___Perry___Larisa___

VII. LICENSES REQUIRING PUBLIC HEARING

A. Secondhand Autos & Trucks – Transfer to Corporation

Cordeiro Auto Sales, Inc., 815 Taunton Avneue (02914)

Robert Cordeiro, 270 Capuano Avenue, Cranston (02920)

Motion___By___2nd___

Coogan___Cusack___DiTraglia___Perry___Larisa___

VIII. ORDINANCES FINAL PASSAGE – PUBLIC HEARING

A. An ordinance authorizing a stop sign on Walmer Avenue (eastbound) at Rachella Court.

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REVISED ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE,
RHODE ISLAND, 1998, AS AMENDED, ENTITLED
"VEHICLES AND TRAFFIC"**

**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE HEREBY
ORDAINS:**

**SECTION I. Sec. 18-269 entitled "Stop and yield intersections
designated; when stops required." is amended by adding thereto the
following:**

WALMER AVENUE (eastbound traffic) at Rachella Court

**SECTION II. This ordinance shall take effect upon second passage
and all ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are
hereby repealed.**

Requested by: Director of Public Works

Motion___By___2nd___

Coogan___Cusack___DiTraglia___Perry___Larisa___

**B. An ordinance authorizing removal of a no parking sign on Baker
Street (south side).**

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**THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE HEREBY
ORDAINS:**

SECTION I. Subsection 18-307 entitled "Parking prohibited at all times." of Article X entitled "Stopping, Standing and Parking." of Chapter 18 of the Revised Ordinances of the City of East Providence, Rhode Island, 1998, as amended, entitled "Vehicles and Traffic." is amended by deleting there from the following:

Baker Street (south side), from 65 feet easterly of Broadway for 64 feet

SECTION II. This ordinance shall take effect upon its second passage and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Requested by: Director of Public Works

Motion___By___2nd___

Coogan___Cusack___DiTraglia___Perry___Larisa___

IV. NEW BUSINESS

A. City Managers Report (City Manager Richard Brown)

1. Health Insurance Premium Co-Share

Motion___By___2nd___

Coogan___Cusack___DiTraglia___Perry___Larisa___

2. RFQ Approval: Inspection, Assessment, and Rehabilitation of

Water Pipelines

Motion___By___2nd___

Coogan___Cusack___DiTraglia___Perry___Larisa___

3. Request for Council Approval to allow the East Providence Heritage Days, Inc. be the sole dispenser of beer and/or wine during the following festival hours:

July 15, 2010 – 6pm to 11pm

July 16, 2010 – 6pm-11pm

July 17, 2010 – 6pm-11pm

July 18, 2010 – 6pm-11pm

Motion___By___2nd___

Coogan___Cusack___DiTraglia___Perry___Larisa___

B. Reports of Other City Officials

1. Claims Committee Report (by City Solicitor James Briden)

Motion___By___2nd___

Coogan___Cusack___DiTraglia___Perry___Larisa___

C. Council Members

1. State of the City Address – February 16, 2010 (by Mayor Larisa)

D. Resolutions

1. STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING AMENDMENT OF R.I.G.L. § 17-1-5

ENTITLED EFFECT OF SPECIAL STATUTES

WHEREAS, the City of East Providence would like to amend the state law requirements enumerated in R.I.G.L. § 17-14-7 entitled Number of signers required for nomination papers which allows a candidate to be placed on the ballot in any ward election with a minimum of 50 registered voter signatures and a candidate to be placed on a ballot in any city-wide election with a minimum of 200 signatures; and

WHEREAS, the City of East Providence supports the state law which provides that a voter may sign more than one candidate's nomination papers as permitted pursuant to R.I.G.L. § 17-14-9 entitled Number of papers signed by same voter; and

WHEREAS, in order to accomplish said objectives, the City of East Providence supports the amendment of R.I.G.L. § 17-1-5 entitled Effect of special statutes in the form attached hereto so as to have R.I.G.L. § 17-14-7 entitled Number of signers required for nomination papers, R.I.G.L. § 17-14-9 entitled Number of papers signed by same voter, preempt any special state statute or City Charter provision or ordinance inconsistent therewith.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the East Providence City

Council respectfully requests its delegation and the Rhode Island General Assembly to amend R.I.G.L. § 17-1-5 entitled Effect of special statutes as described herein.

Motion___By___2nd___

Coogan___Cusack___DiTraglia___Perry___Larisa___

E. Introduction of Ordinances

1. STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE

ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE APPROVING THE FINANCING OF ADDITIONAL IMPROVEMENTS TO THE EAST PROVIDENCE WATER SYSTEM AND ALL ATTENDANT EXPENSES INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO ENGINEERING COSTS AND APPROVING THE ISSUANCE OF WATER REVENUE BONDS AND NOTES THEREFOR IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$600,000

WHEREAS, in the interest of public health and safety, the City of East Providence (the “City”) desires to make certain additional improvements to the City’s water system, which improvement together with all attendant expenses including but not limited to engineering costs in connection therewith are hereinafter referred to as, the “Project”;

WHEREAS, the Rhode Island Clean Water Finance Agency (the “Agency”) is offering a program (the “ARRA Program”) through which funds it will receive through the Federal Economic Stimulus Act, Public Law 111-5, known as the “American Recovery and

Reinvestment Act of 2009” will be loaned to eligible borrowers for the purpose of financing high priority infrastructure projects needed to ensure clean water in the State of Rhode Island;

WHEREAS, a portion of the principal of all projects funded under the ARRA Program will be forgiven;

WHEREAS, the City desires to participate in the ARRA Program by borrowing an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) from the Agency in accordance with Title VI of the Federal Clean Water Act and Title 46-12.8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, for the purpose of financing the Project;

WHEREAS, the City desires to issue an amount not to exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) water system revenue bonds (the “Bonds”) or interest bearing or discounted water system revenue notes (the “Notes”) in anticipation of the issue of said Bonds of the City, at one time, or from time to time for the purpose of evidencing the borrowing described above;

WHEREAS, Chapter 46-12.8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, pursuant to which the Bonds or Notes will be issued, provides that notwithstanding any municipal charter to the contrary, all local governmental units shall have the power to issue local governmental obligations payable solely from drinking water system revenues pursuant thereto without limit as to amount, and the amount of principal and premium, if any, and interest on the obligations shall not be included in the computation of any limit on the indebtedness of the local governmental unit or on the total taxes which may be levied or assessed by the local governmental unit in any year or on

any assessment, levy, or other charge made by the local governmental unit on any other political subdivision or instrumentality of the State of Rhode Island;

WHEREAS, notwithstanding the foregoing provisions of Chapter 46-12.8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, the City desires to comply with the requirements set forth in Section 4.27 of the City Charter with respect to the issuance of bonds to the extent possible;

WHEREAS, the estimated maximum cost of the Project is \$600,000;

WHEREAS, the period of usefulness of the Project is expected to be thirty (30) years; and

WHEREAS, the net debt of the City is not affected by the issuance of the Bonds or Notes as the Bonds and Notes will not be general obligations of the City but will be payable solely from drinking water system revenues.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF EAST PROVIDENCE that:

SECTION 1.The sum of Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) is appropriated for the purpose of financing the Project.

SECTION 2.In accordance with Chapter 46-12.8 of the Rhode Island General Laws, the Mayor and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized to borrow an amount not exceeding Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) from the Agency, and to evidence such loan, such officers are hereby authorized to issue and refund on behalf of the City the Bonds, at one time, or from time to time in order to meet the foregoing appropriation.

SECTION 3.The said officers from time to time may issue and refund

the Notes in anticipation of the issue of said Bonds.

SECTION 4. The Bonds and Notes shall be payable solely from drinking water system revenues. The City may issue bonds, notes, or other obligations on a parity with these Bonds as provided in the Trust Indenture (defined below). The manner of sale, amount, denominations, maturities, conversion or registration privileges, interest rates, medium of payment, and other terms, conditions and details of the Bonds or Notes may be fixed by the officers authorized to sign the Bonds or Notes.

SECTION 5. Pending the issuance of the Bonds under Section 2 hereof or pending or in lieu of the issue of Notes under Section 3 hereof, the Director of Finance, at the written direction of the City Council, may expend funds from funds of the City including the General Fund for the purposes specified in Section 1 hereof. Any advances made under this section shall be repaid without interest from the proceeds of the Bonds or Notes issued hereunder or from the proceeds of applicable federal or state assistance or from other available funds.

SECTION 6. The Mayor and the Director of Finance are also authorized, empowered and directed, on behalf of the City, to: (i) execute, acknowledge and deliver a Supplemental Indenture (the "Supplemental Indenture") amending and supplementing the Trust Indenture dated April 1, 2004 by and between the City and U.S. Bank National Association (the "Trust Indenture"), and any and all other loan agreements, documents, certificates or instruments necessary to effectuate such borrowing; (ii) amend, modify or supplement the

Trust Indenture, such Supplemental Indentures, the Bonds or Notes and any and all other loan agreements, documents, certificates or instruments at any time and from time to time, in such manner and for such purposes as such officers shall deem necessary, desirable or advisable; (iii) direct the Trustee with regard to investments of trust funds pursuant to the Trust Indenture, and (iv) do and perform all such other acts and things deemed by such officers to be necessary, desirable or advisable with respect to any matters contemplated by this Ordinance in order to effectuate said borrowing and the intent hereof.

SECTION 7.The Mayor and the Director of Finance are hereby authorized to deliver the Bonds or Notes to the purchaser and said officers are hereby authorized and instructed to take all actions, on behalf of the City, necessary to ensure that interest on the Bonds or Notes will be excludable from gross income for federal income tax purposes and to refrain from all actions which would cause interest on the Bonds or Notes to become subject to federal income taxes.

SECTION 8.This Ordinance is an affirmative action of the City Council of the City toward the issuance of the Bonds and Notes in accordance with the purposes of the laws of the State. This Ordinance constitutes the City's declaration of official intent, pursuant to Treasury Regulation §1.150-2, to reimburse the City for certain capital expenditures for the Project paid on or after the date which is sixty (60) days prior to the date of this Ordinance, but prior to the issuance of the Bonds or Notes. Such amounts to be reimbursed shall not exceed Six Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$600,000) and shall be

reimbursed not later than eighteen (18) months after the later of (a) the date on which the expenditure is paid or (b) the date on which the Project is placed in service or abandoned but in no event later than three (3) years after the date on which the expenditure is paid.

SECTION 9.The Mayor and the Director of Finance are authorized to take all actions necessary to comply with federal tax and securities laws including Rule 15c2-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC Rule”) and to execute and deliver a Continuing Disclosure Certificate in connection with the Bonds or Notes in the form as shall be deemed advisable by the Mayor and the Director of Finance in order to comply with the SEC Rule. The City hereby covenants and agrees that it will comply with and carry out all of the provisions of the Continuing Disclosure Certificate, as it may be amended from time to time. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Ordinance or the Bonds or Notes, failure of the City to comply with the Continuing Disclosure Certificate shall not be considered an event of default; however, any Bondholder or Noteholder may take such actions as may be necessary and appropriate, including seeking mandate or specific performance by court order, to cause the City to comply with its obligations under this Section and under the Continuing Disclosure Certificate.

SECTION 10. This ordinance shall take effect upon its second passage and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

Motion___By___2nd___

Coogan___Cusack___DiTraglia___Perry___Larisa___

F. Communications

1. Christine Rossi, 29 Woodbine Street (02915) requesting to address the Council regarding the new janitor company 2 out of 16, live streams of Council meetings, legal fees spent on School Committee side \$850,000 plus and EP Charter regarding advertising and recruiting.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Motion___By___2nd___

Coogan___Cusack___DiTraglia___Perry___Larisa___